

Grace Episcopal Church
Jo Daviess County
Galena, Illinois

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Robert Rider Tufts.

SOURCES:

Miss Alice
Snyder,
Galena, Ill.

The foundation of the Grace Episcopal Church was started in 1848, and the church was completed in 1850. The design was created by C.W. Ottis, an architect of Buffalo, New York. The contractors for the construction operation were four local men, namely Thomas Gordon, Jacob Snyder, Nat Corwith and W.B. Willyes.

The materials came from local sources, with the exception of the marble floors, later installed in the main entrance vestibule, and the entrance vestibule to the vestry. The stone was quarried and cut on the site. The quarrying was necessary in order to create a level area in the side of the solid rock hill, upon which the church was to be erected. In 1894 extensive remodeling was carried on by Mr. William Lebaron Jenney, a Chicago architect. At this time Indiana limestone was added to the list of materials.

The hardness of the local limestone limited the architectural detail. Such detail that was necessary at the entrance door, was executed in wood and finished in imitation of stone in color and texture, by paint over which sand was dashed. The style used by Mr. Ottis was early English Gothic. Design influence may be traced to Mr. Hobart Upjohn, a famous New York architect.

The nave of the church is unchanged in plan. During the alteration program inaugurated by Mr. Jenney in 1894, the sanctuary was deepened considerably. With this changed a vestry was added to the south of the sanctuary, and a chapel was added to the north, taking the place of what was then the vestry.

The new vestry and chapel are a great deal larger than the original vestry. Mr. Jenney had the wooden spire and finials removed. The finials were replaced with Indiana limestone. The spire was removed due to decadence, and in its place a flat decked belfry roof was erected, with a battlemented parapet of Indiana limestone.

Historic
Galena,
1828-1928
Florence
Gratiot Bale.

The present bell was purchased from the Meneely Bell Co., Troy, N.Y. in 1854. It is keyed on "B" flat and weighs 1032 pounds. It came from Chicago by wagon. The pipe organ, which is still in use, was the first of its kind to come west of the Allegheney Mountains, having been purchased in 1834, for the sum of \$900. This was brought to Galena by boats via New Orleans.

Rev. Lyman
Howes,
Grace Church
Rectory,
Galena, Ill.

The congregation was first organized in 1833, and erected another church at an earlier date elsewhere in Galena. This structure is no longer standing. The church took its name from the patron parish in Providence, R.I. and that name was carried over to the new church in 1850. The present pastor is the Reverend Lyman Howes.

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